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SUBJECT: MACHEL PRESS INTERVIEW ON U.S. VISIT

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1. IN AN INTERVIEW GIVEN TO THE MOZAMBIQUE PRESS, PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL DESCRIBED HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE UNGA, AND THE CARRIBEAN. FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE TWO QUESTIONS DEALING WITH THE DISCUSSION HE HAD WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.
TRANSLATION:

2. QUESTION: WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, AND WHAT IS ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES?

ANSWER: PERHAPS, WE CAN SAY THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY VERY
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TOP OFFICIALS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT HAD DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. BUT ASIDE FROM THIS, WE CAN SAY THAT THE MEETING WAS EXTREMELY FRANK AND CORDIAL, TOOK PLACE IN A CALM ATMOSPHERE AND WAS VERY OPEN, THIS IS THE FIRST POINT. SECOND. IT WAS NECESSARY FOR US TO RECAPITULATE THE HISTORY OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, WHICH USED TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY THE SUPPORT THE

UNITED STATES ALWAYS GAVE TO PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM, AND,
THEREFORE HOSTILE TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE.
IT WAS NECESSARY THAT WE RECAPITULATE THIS PAST: THE
HISTORY OF OUR RELATIONS.
WITH EVERY AMERICAN ADMINISTRATRATION, FROM JOHNSON TO MR
NIXON, TO MR GERALD FORD AND HIS SECRETARY, MR KISSINGER, WE WOULD
SAY: WHAT WERE THEIR ATTITUDES REGARDING OUR STRUGGLE?
IN THE THIRD PLACE, IT WAS NECESSARY THAT WE GET AN APPRECIATION
OF THE PREOCCUPATION OF THE CURRENT AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TO
BREAK ITS TRADITIONAL RELATIONS WITH UNJUST CAUSES (TO AID COLON-
IALISM IS AN UNJUST CAUSE), AND IN THIS ADMINISTRATION
WE FIND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO CHOSE FREELY THEIR
WAY OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
AT A CERTAIN POINT WE PERCEIVED THIS, WHEN MR CARTER GAVE
HIS EXPLANATION.
FOURTH, WE REAFFIRMED DURING OUR CONVERSATION OUR IDEOLOGICAL
IDENTITY, WHICH IS BASED ON THE NATURAL ALLIANCE WITH THE SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES. WE SAID THAT WE WERE THERE, WE WERE WHAT WE ARE,
BECAUSE OF THE UNCONDITIONAL AID OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
TO OUR STRUGGLE. AND TODAY, THEY ARE AGAIN IN THE VANGUARD,
SUPPORTING NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION.
IN THE FIFTH PLACE, WE WOULD SAY WE FOUND PRESIDENT CARTER
RECEPTIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELA-
TIONS, IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND IN CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, WITHOUT INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL
AFFAIRS AND WITH RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY.
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SIXTH: FINALLY WE REAFFIRMED OUR TOTAL AND COMPLETE
INDEPENDENCE.

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QUESTION: THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS FORCED THE UNITED STATES TO PRESENT A NEW IMAGE OF ITS POLICY IN THIS REGION. IN LIGHT OF YOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, AT WHAT POINT DO YOU THINK THE UNITED STATES WILL WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT, DIRECT AND INDIRECT, WHICH HAS PERMITTED THE SURVIVAL OF THE SMITH REGIME?

ANSWER: PRESIDENT CARTER REAFFIRMED TO US THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS TO END THE MINORITY, ILLEGAL AND RACIST REGIME OF RHODESIA; THAT THEY ARE DISPOSED TO SUPPORTING THE DECOLONIZATION EFFORTS IN NAMIBIA; AND ALSO REAFFIRMED HIS OPPOSITION TO "APARTHEID."

HE SHOWED UNDERSTANDING OF THE SERIOUS RESERVATION WE FORMULATED ABOUT THE LIMITATIONS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVES (ON RHODESIAN) AS WELL AS THE INITIATIVES OF THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS ON NAMIBIA.

SUCH UNDERSTANDING IS EXPRESSED BY THE CONTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES, NAMELY, THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT. WE SAW THAT SWAPO'S PRESDVENT WAS THERE AGAIN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TALK WITH THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS. WE HEARD FROM THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL THAT THERE HAVE BEEN POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS. WE HEARD FROM SOME MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS THE CONVICTION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE PRESSURE FROM THESE FIVE POWERS-WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA-THAT SOUTH AFRICA ALREADY ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLE OF NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE.

OUR CONCERN IS THAT SOUTH AFRICA NOT CREATE PUPPET STATES IN NAMIBIA, PARTICULARLY, THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THE TERRITORY INTO TRIBAL GROUPS. THIS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE WAR, THIS WILL NOT RESOLVE THE MAIN CONTRADICTION WHICH IS THE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA IN ITS ENTIRETY, INCLUDING FUNDAMENTALLY WALVIS BAY.

THEREFORE, OUR WORRY IS NOT ONLY INDEPENDENCE. IT IS NECESSARY THAT INDEPENDENCE BE TOTAL AND COMPLETE IN THE TERRITORY AS A WHOLE AND THAT THE CREATION OF PUPPET AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN NAMIBIA NOT BE PERMITTED.

AS FOR ZIMBABWE: THAT THE MAIN FORCE IN ZIMBABWE IS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. WE SAID THAT AND THE UNITED STATES UNDERS-

TANDS THIS. THEREFORE, I SAY, THAT IN POLITICAL
MATTERS, WHAT APPEARS TO BE, IS THE CASE. THE UNITED STATES
ACCEPTS THAT SMITH'S ARMY MUST BE DISMANTLED, THAT THE BASIS
FOR THE FORMATION OF THE ARMY OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE
MUST BE THE FIGHTERS. THEREFORE, WHAT IT APPEARS, IS
THE CASE. (O QUE PARECE, E.)
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3. MACHEL'S INTERVIEW CONFIRMS IMPRESSIONS EMBASSY HAS
RECEIVED FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS THAT WHILE U.S. VISIT
DID NOT RIVAL TUMULTUOUS RECEPTION AND FEELINGS OF COMRADESHIP
MACHEL ENCOUNTERED IN GUYANA, JAMAICA AND ESPECIALLY CUBA, MACHEL
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WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND FOUND THE TALKS WITH
U.S. OFFICIALS AMICABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. IN ADDITION,
HAVING STATED THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS A SOCIALIST STATE AND INTENDS
TO REMAIN ONE, MACHEL MAY NOW FEEL THAT HE IS READY TO
BROADEN MOZAMBIQUE'S RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.
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